

December 7, 1970

Dear Hal,

I just got in last night dog tired from a fast weekend trip to Houston, where I collected the remainder of my files and had the Bringuier tape sent to you. I personally wrapped and addressed it to avoid any foul-up. However, it was a Sunday (post offices closed), I was in a hurry, and the office was going to close for a few days, and I'm afraid they just guessed at the postage. If there was not enough and you had to pay "postage due", let me know!

As of now, there is a good chance I can get up to Washington on or about the 20th, which is a Sunday. This is pretty definite, but I hate to say, knowing how uncertain such matters can be, and from previous bad experience, that it could fall through at the last minute. The main question is-- will 66u be available around that time? If so, we could get together then as we talked about, and I will drive up as per your directions. And, much better than before, for this time we can talk without limitations on time, the better for both of us, specifically, for you to brief me on the matters you mentioned on the phone, for me to clear up my current bewilderment and to tell you all about new developments toward Congressional investigation. I outlined the basics, I believe, in my previous letter, and if you have seen Fensterwald and them lately you may know more than I do about it. I have the Washington Post article in hand re the firing of those OEO lawyers, and I gave them a photocopy of it.

I asked you to wait until you heard from me ~~on that~~ before writing me back; now I am anxious to hear from you regarding the tape and the matters in my previous letter. Also a few other ~~per~~ peripheral matters I will include here. Something I overlooked among the stuff Butler sent I didn't think even worth mentioning; ~~and~~ although it may be minor, it does betray some of Butler's anti-Kennedy bias (which I know he has). When his magazine folded, he managed to paste together his loyal crew and put together an "underground" newspaper called AWARE. This is from the June 1970 issue. As far as I know, Treen and Butler do not know each other, at least not very well. Butler is (like Ronny) a close friend of Hale Boggs. Boggs gave Butler the pushes he needed at exactly the right time-- reprints in the Congressional Record, etc., and use of his name and prestige (like Dr. Ochsner, a registered Democrat, who is vaguely in Treen's corner, at least privately) and who ~~are~~ ^{are both} on the record albums INCA distributes of Oswald and Butler.

Incidentally, I promised to make you a copy of those, and I haven't forgotten but I just don't have any spare tapes now. If I can remember, I'll bring my record player up with me and if we hear anything then we can record it. In looking through my personal files in Houston, it appears that I or my mother threw out most of the stuff I'd saved from the Treen-Goldwater 1964 campaign, in which I was a staffer. I still have all the lists, though, and after we talk and I get a better idea of what you're driving at I can re-establish old contacts, and maybe find out whatever you need.

Incidentally, I didn't ask you this before because it never occurred to me otherwise but I assume that this is directly related somehow to the assassination, (which is presently my sole interest outside making a living and education), isn't it?

My father was and is a lawyer, now in Houston, but during the time of the Garrison probe, officed in the National Bank of Commerce Building, right next to Aaron Kohn's office and the law offices of Bryan and Callaway. (John Bryan told him that Dean Andrews is a compulsive liar "you can't believe anything he says on either side". If he had tried, he could've gotten much more valuable information on Andrews, but this was just elevator small talk.) At that time, he was Conservation Coordinator; he is now Director of Conservation, for Continental Oil Company, and kindly lets me use his good offices on occasion. We are friends, but unfortunately have always been distant. His vast abilities (the existence of which he denies, let alone their depth) remain, like Ronny's knowledge, a totally untapped uranium deposit, and the more the pity, because he has knowledgable contacts. But he refuses to use them in seeking the truth about the assassinations, and demeans all efforts to do so, although he has been personally helpful to me in my own endeavors. Exactly three years ago when he and I and my mother attended a lecture at Tulane by Mark Lane (the one which Bringuier broke up by jumping onstage), on the way home in the car, he told me he had had lunch recently with a former F.B.I. agent who told him that Mrs. Paine replaced Oswald in Marina's affections. This, the agent said, was the F.B.I.'s conclusion of its investigation and I assume is the focal point of the classified report on her. This was not necessarily a physical relationship, but emotionally she had, like the hypnotist in the Ray case, apparently gained some psychological dominance over her. I had never brought this up before, because I did not know the name of the agent for someone to check it. This weekend I finally got him to tell me. It was Sims Regard of Baton Rouge, now with the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, an industry organization cooperative for the mutual benefit of various companies in the area. The statement was based not on his own

investigation, but of his friendship with Regis Kennedy and others who were in New Orleans and conducted the investigation there, after the assassination. I persuaded Dad to read both of your books then (I&II), and Penn Jones' volume II, because I think one of the most bizarre aspects is the death of witnesses who had information about a conspiracy. On page 148, he noticed the name of a man he knows. In the testimony of George DeMolenschildt (9 H 247), he was asked about a party he attended with the Declan Fords and the Oswalds (which I assume Jenner was asking on the basis of an F.B.I. report, though this is obscure), and just before he asked if there had been any discussion about Oswald being a Russian agent, he asked if there had been a Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Sullivan at the party. Dad knew (on a business basis) this man who was a divisional land geologist with the company, and apparently had a problem (with drinking, evidently), and was divorced, and has gone either to another company or another business.

I enclosed a return envelope for you in my last letter, which I asked you to hold until this one, so I could tell you about coming up there. I think you can expect me around the 20th, but I'll let you know more specifically later. Do write me a long letter as soon as possible (I've written you 2 long ones), and I'll look forward to hearing from you. I intend to print something up about the work I've just done in Congress and will try to send you advance copies as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the bottom.

P.S. It had slipped my mind until now to mention this to you, but when I was in Washington, just before I left Fensterwald's office on my aborted trip to see you he gave me a package, a brown envelope, to give to you. Unfortunately, there was no way, but as soon as I got to Houston I had the office send it to you special delivery. I never opened it (I assume it was confidential). Let me know if you have not gotten it, as I am concerned about it.

The enclosed is from Butler's newspaper, and is quite revealing as to his true sentiments re President Kennedy. Also, compare his reason for why Oswald killed Kennedy & Bringuier's answer in my tape, and the passage becomes strikingly more significant.

Exact quote:

"Another (reason) was John F. Kennedy, who made people disagree with him. At some times, at some instance I had disagreements with him to his policies but I had to recognize that the people in Latin America love President Kennedy. And this was the tremendous damage that he was doing, to Castro's attempt to bring about Latin America (Emphasis mine.) Thus Bringuier (and Butler) now blame not only the pro-Castroites for the assassination, but are trying to shift the blame to President Kennedy himself, for siding with them. ^{violent revolution in}

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Dear Mr. Brown:
In this card you have both of my
telephones. I will be glad to
give an interview to you. Just
let me know when and at what
time it would be more convenient
to you. Carlos Bringuier.